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OR91-029

Dear Mr. Stockard:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 11208.

We have considered the exception you claimed, specifically section 3(a)(8), and have reviewed the documents at issue.

As noted in your letter, the Open Records Act does not require a governmental body to create new information or to answer questions. Open Records Decision Nos. 458 (1987); 347 (1982). Moreover, identities of informants may be withheld. Houston Chronicle Publishing Co. v. City of Houston, 531 S.W.2d 177 (Tex. Civ. App. - Houston [14th Dist.] 1975), writ ref'd n.r.e. per curiam, 536 S.W.2d 559 (Tex. 1976).

You may withhold the requested information.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-029.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Steiner", is written over a horizontal line.

John Steiner
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